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Living pledged -

Then will be martyrs -

Dear Wife

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Yours of the 17th was received to day, & the information it brought me was much as I had feared though not as I had hoped. I am glad you have told me the whole of the matter. Do so always. I am hoping to receive another letter from you soon in answer to the last one I wrote you, but without waiting for that I hasten to reply to this. It is indeed decided that you cannot visit the West, & so it seems to me is it decided that you cannot go to the West Indies. The only alternative then seems to be to fix on some place where we can live together & make you as comfortable as maybe. To this I have determined to direct my attention. I have written Wright that after the meeting in Utica I must return & throw up my agency, or at least be with my family. Such is my present determination. Where we shall spend the winter I do not know - whether at Farmington, Wrentham or some other place. If I could be employed in some place as a temporary supply, where we could be made comfortable I should like that. If no such place offers, then Farmington or Wrentham will be the place. If I could be employed as a temporary supply somewhere, that would give me time for writing & in that way I think I could support us very comfortably. I wish when you write home you would inquire of Mr. Fisk if there is not some such place in that vicinity. Perhaps I may get employment in

New Haven or some place in the neighborhood of Farmington. In this matter however we must be governed by the Providence of God. One thing however seems to me now as fixed, viz that I live with you while God spares your life.

I have no intelligence of importance to communicate to you touching our cause in this region - I will only say my labors are attended with a good degree of success. At Le Roy, where the enemy threatened loudly, all passed off quietly & the tables were completely turned. I came here on Saturday, preached yesterday P. M. in the Free Church & lectured ~~in the evening~~ at 5 P. M. in the Baptist, - good attendance & good attention. I shall remain here through the week - go to Le Roy to spend the Sabbath & then return to this place, & from this set out I think on my way East, stopping at some of the more important places - as Geneva, Auburn &c.

I need not assure you that you are remembered, with more & more earnestness at the throne of grace. I hope you will spare no expense to make your condition comfortable till I return. When you go to Uncle's, take along your carpet to put on the chamber floor. And if you need a woman to take care of you & the children, get one at any expense. It was a sad mistake our coming to Farmington, but as it is we must make the best of it & submit cheerfully to whatever God may have in store for us.

In regard to our cause, you see the enemy is raging on all sides & pouring out his wrath & shame,

As I said in my former letter, so say I again, this cause will never triumph without the shedding of martyr blood, & we who love it, & who have pledged our lives to it, & whose hearts have grown to it, must prepare ourselves for the trial. And for one I care but little how soon the trial comes. Never were men called on to die in a holier cause, & better die in the faithful discharge of duty as the negro's plighted friend, than to sit in silken security & die the consentor to, & abettor of the man-stealer's sin.

In regard to the chamber door - I suppose it is too late to give direction now, & indeed I cannot understand exactly how it is now arranged. I must therefore leave it for your decision, & wish it altered or fixed so as will be most convenient for you. It should be ascertained certainly whether your bureau will come down or not, if it is left as now arranged. For it would be a sorry business to have to cut a hole through the side of the house to get it down. Give my dear boy a kiss & tell him father will come home as soon as he can. Our meeting will be held the last of September or middle of October & I shall come home from that direct. Brother Lee has written me for the money he loaned me - so I shall have to borrow it of some one for him. - Love to mother &c

Remember me affectionately to all friends - pray for me & believe me as ever

Your affect: husband

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